

**Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District**

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**ERICD Board Meeting**

**January 8, 2013**

**7:00 PM**

**Chairman Walter Elwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

**Present were: ERICD: Directors: Walter Elwell, Ron Mucci, Emerson Wildes, Dick Hart; Associate Director: Steve Horowicz; District Manager: Jessica Blackledge; NRCS: Melissa Hayden; RISCC: Ramona LeBlanc, Debra Aiello.**

**I. Minutes: Minutes of the December 11th meeting were declared and accepted as presented.**

**II. Financial Report: Financial Report was presented. Two motions were made to accept the reports: November 30th report Emerson/Ron; 2 ayes/1 abstention, motion passed. The December 31st report: Emerson/Ron; unanimous.**

**III. NRCS Report:**

**A. The town of Bristol is interested in applying for EWP. The damage survey report was completed on December 19, 2012; A report on was submitted to the National office for review.**

**B. Bristol County and Newport approved funding for 5 AMA and 13 Equipment contracts; accepting applications for round two funding.**

**C. Open house will be held on February 12, 2013; Walter will check with Phou on funding for advertising in local papers.**

**D. Wetland Reserve Program and Grassland Reserve Program have been extended as of January.**

**E. Melissa reported on some completed practices for the high tunnel installation.**

#### **IV. Old Business:**

**A. The board received a bill for \$214.00 from Wishing Stone Farm for Annual Dinner expenses. A motion was made to pay the bill: Ron/Emerson; unanimous.**

**B. The policy subcommittee asked the board to review policy documents. Steve suggested that every board member read through it to review MOU by next subcommittee. He feels there is a lack of continuity.**

## **V. New Business:**

### **A. Bills:**

A motion was made to pay bills:Emerson/Dick; unanimous. A motion was made to pay Envirothon up to 100.00 or the same amount as last year. Dick/Emerson;. An amendment was made- not to exceed 100.00. A motion not to exceed 100.00 Emerson/Ron; unanimous.

- January overhead contribution 165.00
- Mouseworks 18.60
- NACD (Partial dues) 100.00
- RI Envirothon 100.00
- Cox Cable 90.94
- Jessica Blackledge 23.66
- Becca Buckler 40.95
- RISCC administrative 798.53

B.NACD: A motion was made to pay NACD partial dues: Emerson/Dick; 2 ayes 1 nay; carries.

### **C. Other:**

1. The Fence Project- An extension was given to complete the project. A 600.00 loan was given by ERICD to buy materials to complete the project. A promissory note was signed by both parties. The loan will be paid back in full when the project is complete.

2. A motion was made to have all the districts share the new event calendar on the website. Emerson/Ron.

## **VI. Reports:**

**A. District Manager's Report: Jessica submitted a written report.**

**1. Projects:**

**a. Geese:** The public comment period closed on December 21, 2012. Jessica is not sure if DEM will be able to fund the geese proposal project, therefore, she will hold off on sending the letter to DEM.

**b. ERICD** has been asked to present on the Goose work at the 2013 Land and Water Summit. The Board approved using Program Development hours to cover her time while presenting at the meeting.

**c. Outreach:** The Final Report for developing the Outreach 2012 is wrapping up.

**2. FFOS:** Jessica has completed two FFOS plans this month and will continue this work as available and necessary.

**3. FOOTF:** Open House event is scheduled for February 12th from 5 to 7 pm. Jessica would like to get more people engaged in the district.

**4. Petty Cash Account** was submitted by Jessie. It will be replenished to 200.00.

**B. Chair:** Walter will be resigning from his position as of March 2013.

**C. Directors:** Emerson: 8 Rod lease is coming up for renewal; on map of 8 Rod, ERICD field appears to be divided. Emerson will try to determine if lease agreement is renewable.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 7:00pm.**